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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is a joy to bring you this update on behalf of our Spanish-language ministry. During the World Cup, I was once again struck by just how many people in our city are of Mexican heritage. With each goal by Mexico, loud cheers could be heard throughout the neighborhood, and after every victory, celebratory fireworks filled the sky. When Team USA won, there was certainly joy, but it was noticeably more subdued. It served as a vivid reminder of just how deeply Mexican culture shapes life here in Ontario.

With this in mind, our church continues to seek opportunities to reach our community, where so many of our neighbors are Hispanic. Recently, we spent time doing evangelism in a local park, passing out flyers and inviting people to worship with us. We have another evangelism outing planned for the end of July, and we are also encouraging members of our English-speaking congregation to join us.

Following Synod, Rev. Kern traveled to Mexicali to preach at a new church plant within our Classis. During his absence, we were blessed by the ministry of Rev. Jared Pine, who preached for us in both English and Spanish. We are grateful to see the riches of the Reformed faith being shared with our Spanish-speaking neighbors, and we trust that God will continue to bless these efforts and this growing partnership with our brothers and sisters in Mexicali.

Rev. Kern also continues to produce accessible Spanish-language episodes on the Heidelberg Catechism through his podcast, *Permaneciendo en Cristo* ("Abiding in Christ"). We are thankful for this resource, which is helping to bring sound Reformed teaching to a wider Spanish-speaking audience.

Rev. Kern also continues to serve as the Spanish chaplain for the Ontario Tower Buzzers. Each week he is on the ballfield sharing a devotional in Spanish with the players from both teams. Please continue to pray that the Lord would bear much fruit through this unique ministry opportunity.



Evangelism in the Downtown Core

By God's grace, I was able to preach my third sermon in Spanish on Genesis 4:1–16, "La adoración que agrada a Dios" ("The Worship That Pleases God"). I felt especially aware of my own weaknesses in speaking Spanish that Sunday, yet the Lord was gracious. Several people commented that my Spanish continues to improve! I am reminded that God often delights to display His strength through our weakness.

At the end of July, we look forward to celebrating the marriage of a couple from our Spanish ministry. Abraham and Phoebe both exemplify sincere godliness and a genuine zeal for the Lord. Please pray for them as they begin their new life together as husband and wife, asking that the Lord would richly bless their marriage and make it a faithful testimony to His grace.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our Spanish-language ministry. We are encouraged by the Lord's ongoing work and grateful for your partnership in the gospel.

On behalf of the saints at El Mesías,
Rev. Daniel Ventura

Rev. Kern with the saints at the new Reformed church plant in Mexicali

